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INSTRUCTIONS

TO EVERY

Boy of the *Marine Society*,

Given by their Secretary, when the
Boys set out from the Seamens
Office on *Thursdays*.

MY good Lad, I beg you will be at-
tentive to what I am going to say.

You are going into the wide world,
if you set out honestly you will thrive,
for honesty is the best policy, and you
will certainly find it so in the end.
You will meet with some difficul-
ties; expect them, but be not disheart-
ned, they are difficulties which lead to
honor, profit and pleasure, which can-

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not be obtained without difficulties. Some of you are relieved from great misery and wretchedness. You are now in the way of Fortune, I hope she will be your friend, and that you will have a share in the plunder of the Enemy; but you must be contented with your wages if it happens otherwise.

You are now equipp'd. The MARINE SOCIETY, by the help of GOD, has furnished you with Clothes and Bedding fit for the sea; they recommend you to his Majesty's brave Admirals, Captains, Commanders, and other Officers, that you may fight for your King and Country. Many on shore are in want of such necessaries, and have no such advantages as you now have, as you all can witness.

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Learn how to value your own good fortune, make a proper use of it, and thank God for it.

But, my good Lad, unless you exert yourself, and are careful to keep yourself tight and clean, you will forfeit the benefit you now enjoy, and fall into the wretched situation of filth and rags.

Remember the cleaner you are, the more healthy you will be, and the faster you will grow. And the tighter you appear, the more and better Clothes you will merit from your Captain, or other Officer, whose servant you may be, and the more regard he will show you.

You may be also sure, the better appearance you make before your Captain, and the faster you learn the duty of a seaman, the sooner he will rate you to receive wages for yourself as a seaman.

Thus you see how much your own interest is concerned, to keep yourself clean and tight, and to learn the duty of a seaman.

The next Consideration is Obedience.

You are the sons of Freemen. Tho' Poor you are the sons of Britons, who are born to liberty; but remember that true Liberty consists in doing well,



well, in defending each other, and obeying your superiors in their just and lawful commands.

To obey GOD is the first and greatest duty.

Ever carry in your mind, that there is a GOD, a Being, whose power is beyond that of the greatest monarch upon earth, and his wisdom exceedeth what the wisest man can understand: but you know that he made the world, for you see it. You know that he governs the world, or the sea would not know its bounds, nor the sun shine, nor would the earth produce bread to support your life.

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As the eyes of a good servant wait on the hand of his master, and he is ready to obey his commands, so must you be ready to obey the great governor and ruler of the world, even the great GOD who made you, and all things that are made; that GOD who can disperse the mist, and still the raging of the waves.

*Whether in the calm hours of repose, or in the day of battle, when the cannon roar, as if they shook the vault of heaven, on that day, he, who is the GOD of hosts, will give victory to those whom he thinks best to reward with conquest, and it generally is given to those who are most ready to obey
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their Commander, and do their duty best.

To learn what you are to do, and to render yourself acceptable to God, under all the various circumstances of your life, remember that he sent his only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, into the world, to teach us his will: that Saviour who died upon the cross, sealed the truth with his blood, then rose from the dead, and ascended in triumphal glory into heaven.

The New Testament contains the history of his life; and you will find there, that he recommends you to love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and your neighbour as yourself. Therefore you must think it great-
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er honor to love GOD than to possess all the riches of the world; if you love him you will obey him, and he will love you, he will defend and protect you, and make you happy in life and death, even when your soul departs from your body.

What your particular duties are, as good men, good subjects, and good seamen, you will learn in these two little books, the CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE and SEAMENS MONITOR, which the Marine society give you. You must read them often when you are not upon the duty of the Ship. They will teach you to abstain from those vices which every one, poor or rich, if he has a manly spirit and true courage, is ashamed of. Those who can read must read

read these books to such of you as cannot read.

Remember that a Drunkard is worse than a beast; he disables himself for every duty, and if he is overtaken in his drink he will be a prey to his enemy; for which reason you must fight from courage and not by strong drink.

The Lyar must be a Rascal, for he is an enemy even to his friends and to all mankind: he endeavors to deceive every one, and will be severely punished for it.

Thieving you know is punishable with great severity, even to death.

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Swear.

Swearing is a foolish as well, as a wicked practice; a man of spirit and resolution will do his duty as quick as lightning; and though it were to storm the gates of hell itself, he will be ready and laugh at danger. But who would choose to side with the devil, as all swearers do, who take the Name of God in vain?

Whoring certainly brings on pain and diseases; if you do not shun bad women you will die in misery: or at best, whilst you should be beating your enemies, you will be languishing in an hospital.

*To obey your Commander is the next duty, and which a brave seaman does
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with pleasure, when he is bid to face an enemy thrice as strong as himself. Britons have been used to conquer, and we know we can beat the French when we do our duty.

Watch the eye of your Officer, and stand to your post, or fly to execute his orders. True discipline and true courage are unconquerable.

Obey your master with care and attention in all things. Love and honor him, and remember that the best way to merit his praise and good treatment, is to be serviceable to him, and to delight in serving him. Love him, and let him see by your actions that you do so, and he will take care of you.

Love

Love one another, as boys fitted out by the charity of your fellow-subjects, and friends, and leave your quarrels to be decided on the day of battle. He has the noblest spirit who soonest forgives the faults of his friends and acquaintance. Your master will punish those who ought to be punished. God bless you and prosper you.

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